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ELECTORS NAMED AT PRIMARIES NOW PROBLEM FOR TAFTERS

Puzzle as to Where Electoral Votes of Several States Will Go

BY C. S. ALBERT.

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] WASHINGTON, June 27.—What should or can be done in those States that designated Roosevelt Presidential electors in their primaries? Will the tangle be untwisted?

These problems are worrying Mr. Taft and all of his advisors. Several consultations have already been held and many more will be necessary to devise a method of evading the difficulty. Nine members of the Republican National Committee are industriously working on the puzzle. Representative McKinley, who managed the President's campaign for re-nomination, Senator Root, who engineered the steam roller, and others are sitting up nights seeking a solution. It is the most vexing problem of the Republican party have yet encountered.

The Problem. In Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and several other States electors were chosen and instructed to vote for Theodore Roosevelt. They were chosen on regular Republican tickets. Threats have been made that if elected in November they will refuse to cast their votes for Mr. Taft. Such a course would undoubtedly prove fatal to Republican success and throw the Presidency to the Democrats. Unless other tickets are placed in the field those selected in the primaries will receive the votes cast in the National election.

It is believed that some course of adjustment will be reached. All efforts in this direction will be materially aided by the fact that in some States, notably Pennsylvania, those chosen as electors do not care to be placed in the attitude of bolting the regular Republican organization. This they must do by adhering to Col. Roosevelt and casting their votes in the Electoral College for him, when he is not the regular nominee of his party.

The committee that called on the President Monday, July 1, and notified him of his nomination at Chicago, discussed this question at length. A conclusion was reached that the tickets selected in the primaries must be withdrawn and electors pledged to Taft named in their places. It was admitted that this undertaking would prove serious in some of the ultra-Progressive States, where the Roosevelt sentiment is strongest.

McKinley Wouldn't Serve. The matter of naming a campaign manager has been engrossing the attention of President Taft. He greatly desired that Representative William B. McKinley, of Illinois, who pulled through his nomination, should take up the work, but Mr. McKinley kicked over the traces. Charles D. Hilles, private secretary to the President, seemed the next most available man, but the President balked at the idea of losing a good secretary. And so the question was permitted to hang fire for a few days in order that the best material might be sifted out and a choice made.

Representative McKinley and the other Taft managers have all arisen en masse and denied the statement made by Col. Roosevelt that he could easily have obtained the nomination at Chicago through the defection of Southern delegates, but did not desire to have any taint on it. They declare this is untrue and there was no time at any stage of the proceedings when the Colonel could have seized the nomination, either with or without taint.

Baltimore Scrap Pleases Taft. President Taft has derived much pleasure from the rumpus at Baltimore, where the Democratic convention opened with a fight between

the friends and foes of William J. Bryan. After the wrangle ended and Judge Alton B. Parker defeated Mr. Bryan for the temporary chairmanship by a vote of 579 to 510 the President succinctly remarked:

"It seems that political turbulence is not confined to any one locality."

The overthrow of Mr. Bryan also caused general satisfaction in this city, especially being pleasing to Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, who has been bitterly quarrelling with the Nebraskan for some months. At the same time it struck terror into the hearts of all the campaign managers among the Democrats. It indicated that with his 519 votes Mr. Bryan might be able to control the final selection of a candidate and thus destroy all the booms afloat before the convention assembled. The realization that three big bosses—Charles F. Murphy, Thomas T. Taggart and Roger Sullivan—were in a position by coalition to demand the selection of their man also proved most disquieting in the earlier stages of the big gathering. The votes of New York, Indiana and Illinois, if thrown to any one candidate would be sufficient to pull him through and that fact created a sensation.

Mrs. Taft, Miss Helen Taft, the boys and the White House domestic entourage in general left on July 3 for their summer home at Beverly, Mass. They will remain there until late in September or early October. The President accompanied his family to Beverly and saw them safely and comfortably settled in their vacation quarters. He returned here for the remainder of the Congressional session.

SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF TERRITORY IN "PA PLEKANE" SUIT

Reversing the decision of the Court of Land Registration and granting a new trial, the Supreme Court yesterday ruled in favor of the Territory in its suit to confirm its title to lands in Lahaina, Maui, known as "Pa Plekane." Justice Perry dissents in part and has filed a separate opinion.

In its syllabus the Supreme Court asserts that the case partakes of the nature of a suit in equity and that "it is not correct practice in such a proceeding to dismiss the application at the close of the petitioner's case on the motion of respondent unless the respondent also rests."

It says further: "The title to land which was never awarded by the land commission nor granted by the government remains in the government. The Mahele of 1848 did not confer title on the chiefs to the lands therein set apart for them."

"The award of an ahupua'a by name only would not pass title to a piece of land which, though originally a portion of the ahupua'a, had, prior to the award, been permanently detached from and taken out of the ahupua'a."

"The former governments of the Hawaiian Islands are not to be regarded as foreign governments. The courts of this Territory take judicial notice of the laws of Hawaii which were enacted prior to the annexation of the Islands by the United States, as well as of the principal facts of Hawaiian history, and the public records of the Hawaiian government when called to the attention of the court."

By a deed filed in the bureau of conveyances yesterday C. C. Kennedy and wife conveyed to the trustees of Hilo Lodge No. 759, B. P. O. E., a lot having a forty-foot frontage on Kiny street, with a depth of ninety-two feet, located between Pitman and Bridge streets, Hilo. The consideration was \$7500. It is understood that the Elks of Hilo contemplate the erection of a fine clubhouse on this lot.

THREE PHILIPPINE ARMY POSTS DISMANTLED AND ABANDONED

The new plan of concentration of troops in larger posts in the Philippine Islands has resulted in the abandonment of three posts in the islands according to word received at local army headquarters.

The post at Camp Jossman had been Wilhelm, Tayabas; Camp Jossman, Guimaras and Camp Wallace, Union.

The post at Camp Jossman had been occupied by the 24th infantry. This regiment has been sent to other posts, principally Camps McGrath and Stotsenburg, and Jossman is being dismantled. All of the buildings are being taken down and the material is to be sent to Manila with the exception of that part of which is deemed of no further practical value for any purpose. Such worthless material as is to be destroyed. The same rule applies to Camps Wilhelm and Wallace.

Cost Much Money.

At all of these posts much money has been spent by the military in the erection of pumping and ice plants. The machinery is for the most part in good order and is being taken down and sent to the depot quartermaster in Manila. It will be thoroughly overhauled and made ready for use in case it should be needed.

The order under which this reorganization is taking place lays particular stress on economy, and the result is that very little of the material of which the buildings in these three posts are constructed will be wasted.

In fact, the officers who are supervising the taking down of the buildings have been instructed that every stick shall be sent to Manila which is not absolutely unfit.

History of Posts.

Camp Wilhelm was formerly an infantry post but of recent years has been occupied by Philippine Scouts. Camp Wallace, Union, was for many years a cavalry post and was occupied in turn by the 3rd cavalry during the early insurrectionary days, the 11th cavalry, the 2nd cavalry, the 8th cavalry and the 10th cavalry. During the last year or so, the post has been garrisoned by Philippine Scouts.

The reorganization of the troops in this division makes the number of organizations less, but the number of soldiers serving will be about the same, as the cavalry regiments have been ordered filled up to their quota of 100 men per troop and the infantry organizations to 150 men to a company.

Two Camps Retained.

Some speculation was indulged in when the order first came as to the abandonment of Camps McGrath and Stotsenburg, but it is understood that Major General J. Franklin Bell has recommended that these two important stations be kept, at least for some time to come. The 8th cavalry, formerly at Camp McGrath, has been changed to Fort McKinley and the department of Minion, while the last cavalry regiment to be stationed at Stotsenburg, the 14th, has gone to the States.

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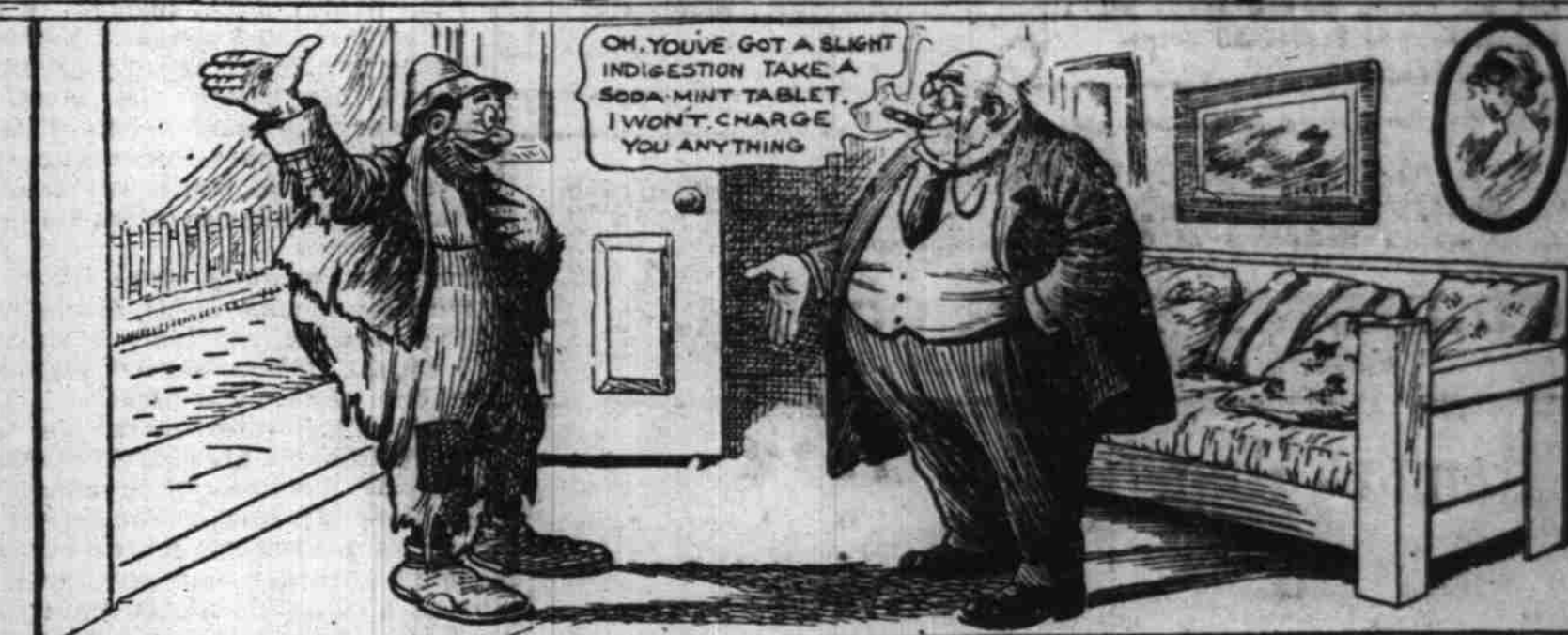
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Jilted in Love Affair, Is Found by Clergyman and Sent to a Hospital

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 14.—Catharine Marshall, 20, employed at the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Children, is at the point of death in St. Joseph's Hospital, to which she was taken today when the Rev. Richard Shanahan found her, unconscious,

leaning against the pulpit of St. John the Evangelist's church, formerly the cathedral.

Last night attendants at the hospital where she was employed and where she hoped to enter the next training class for nurses, found a note in her room which read: "Good-by. Give all my clothing to mother. I am going to end my life." Her clothing was in a bundle and on top of it was a bottle marked carbolic acid. A general search of the hospital was made and the police were notified. They found her in a dazed condition at the electric railway terminal. She was taken

to the hospital, but left again today, going directly to the church. Her absence was not discovered until word was telephoned from St. Joseph's Hospital of her arrival there.

In passing from the vestry Father Shanahan saw her. She had knelt in prayer and drank carbolic acid. It was not until she reached the hospital and regained consciousness for a few moments that her identity was learned. The young woman said she had been jilted in a love affair.

The police questioned three young men, but none of them was held.

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